

Alexandria Gazette

WM. H. SWEENEY IS RE-ELECTED

State Board of Education at
Meeting Today Elects
Superintendents.

DEFER CONTEST CASES

Competitive Candidates For Positions
From Different Portions of State
Urging Claims.

Richmond, May 15.—At the meeting of the State Board of Education today all the Division Superintendents in which the only candidates were the present incumbents were elected. Captain William H. Sweeney, of Alexandria, having no competitors, was among those elected. At a recent meeting of the School Board of Alexandria, Captain Sweeney was by a unanimous vote recommended for re-election.

The board was deprived of the presence of two of its 8 voting members, and postponed action on contested appointments until some future meeting. It was announced yesterday by Secretary Ben P. Owen that Governor Mann would not be strong enough to come to the Capitol today and sit through hours of work with the Education Board, and word was received that Col. Henry C. Ford, of the Virginia Military Institute, is ill.

It is generally understood that the board will defer action on any weighty business until the Governor and Colonel Ford can be in attendance. Scores of people from all parts of the state are in Richmond in behalf of candidates, preferring not to take the chance that there would be a postponement. Many of them are men who are or have been prominent in public life.

The following, having no opposition, were among those elected: Alexandria City—W. H. Sweeney; Alexandria County—W. T. Hodges.

Orange—C. F. Cowherd.
Prince William—G. G. Tyler.

BLAME LAID UPON MOTHERS.

Death Toll of Infants Caused by
Lack of Maternal Attention.

Washington, May 15.—Declaring that a large percentage of infantile disease, particularly in hot weather, is due to a combination of lack of attention and injudicious feeding, the Health Department in its weekly bulletin, made public today, offers advice as to the care of babies during the summer.

The number of deaths of infants under a year of age during the week ended May 10 was seven, a comparatively small infant mortality, but as the season advances a decided increase in the death rate of babies may be expected, according to Health Officer Woodward. As a means of lessening the percentage of infant mortality mothers are urged not to substitute artificial feeding for nature's method.

"It is astonishing," says the bulletin, "how lacking in knowledge many mothers are of the first principles of the care of their children, and this ignorance is in itself, a fruitful cause of infant mortality. It has been said, and is still believed by many, that mother instinct points the way for the proper care of the baby. This intuitive knowledge, while usually sufficient for the lower animals, is not all that is required for the human, for economic conditions often cause mothers to substitute artificial for normal factors."

"Now a word of advice to the nursing mother. When the baby cries he is not invariably hungry; often he is simply thirsty. Especially in summer the baby craves water as much as grown persons and should have a drink very frequently. Pure water only should be used. If any doubt exists on this point, the water should be boiled and then cooled."

It has developed that Dinah Stevens, the fourteen-year-old Gypsy girl, who was with Louis Morgan when he was arrested in Washington, was taken from Alexandria.

ALEXANDRIANS ELECTED.

State Convention of Order of Fraternal Americans Held in Winchester.

John H. Trimyer, of Alexandria, was elected state treasurer and Jas. R. Mansfield, of Alexandria, state secretary, at the annual convention of Virginia Grand Council of the Order of Fraternal Americans, which was held in Winchester this week. James L. Wilmeth, of Vienna, chief clerk of the treasury department in Washington, was elected past state superintendent; Dr. E. A. Householder, of Lovettsville, State president; H. G. Sauls, of Fairfax, state vice-president, and W. E. Money, of Vienna, state chaplain.

The Alexandria delegates, John H. Trimyer, James R. Mansfield, George K. Bender, and F. W. Ehardt, the latter two representing Alexandria Council No. 5, returned home last night.

State president James L. Wilmeth, of Vienna, opened the session on Tuesday, and addresses of welcome were made by Mayor C. W. Ramsburg, and City Collector R. Gary Williams. State Treasurer John H. Trimyer, of Alexandria, responded. Arthur F. Ford, of Pittsburgh, editor of the American, made an address on the society orphanage, at Tiffin, Ohio. The secretary's annual report showed a membership of over 5,000 in Virginia.

PHOSPHATE ROCK COMING.

Steamer Mae From Florida Expected Tomorrow.

As has been stated in the Gazette, the steamer Mae, laden with about 3,000 tons of phosphate rock, consigned to the Alexandria Chemical and Fertilizer Company, is expected to reach this port tomorrow. She is from Boca Grande, Fla.

The vessel sailed from the Florida port Saturday last and five or six days are required for the trip up the coast to Cape Henry.

Steamships of the Bull line have been engaged for several years past in bringing phosphate rock from first visit the Mae has even made up the Potomac, as she has been employed in the trade between New York and Porto Rico.

The Mae is somewhat larger than the steamship Wilhelmnia, which ordinarily brings the rock to Alexandria.

About three days will be required to unload the Mae and she will then go to Norfolk or Baltimore to load coal for a Florida port.

In order to accommodate the big steamships that bring phosphate rock from Florida to the Alexandria Chemical and Fertilizer Company the long wharf of the company is being extended. About twenty feet is being added to it and this will make the pier over 300 feet long, the longest by far in this section.

The steamers that bring the rock to Alexandria will now be able to lie their entire length inside the pierhead, and lengthening the pier will facilitate the unloading of the vessels.

The work is being done by the Clarke & Winston Co., of Washington.

FATHER AND SON DEAD.

Sicilian Immigrants Asphyxiated in Washington Hotel.

Washington, May 15.—Two apparently well-to-do Sicilian immigrants, father and son, who had come to this country in the hope of winning fame and a bigger fortune in the New World, were found dead in bed this morning in their rooms at the Terminal Hotel, 44 G Street, northwest.

Gas was flowing from a partially open jet, and the fact that the thumbscrew was twisted almost completely off indicated that neither was familiar with the modern lighting devices, and apparently after extinguishing the light, had twisted the thumbscrew so far that the jet was left open.

The victims of this accidental asphyxiation were Miguel Martinez and his son, Manuel. Accompanied by a cousin, who had also come to America to seek his fortune, they arrived at Mobile, Ala., three days ago. They decided to go to New York, and at 1 o'clock this morning they arrived at Union Station enroute to the metropolis. It was decided to spend the night here, and they engaged rooms at the Terminal.

This morning one of the employees detected gas and notified the manager. The door of room was forced open, and a hurry call was sent to the Casualty Hospital. When the ambulance arrived the surgeon pronounced both dead.

LEWIS BOY FOUND IN WASHINGTON

Mother Identifies Son Who
Had Been Kidnapped by
Husband.

LEFT ON DOORSTEP.

Child Was Taken in Charge by Board
of Children's Guardians of District
of Columbia.

After vainly hunting for her child, Alexander Lewis, a 5 year old boy, since February, and believing that he had been murdered and his body either buried or burned, Rosie Lewis, a young colored woman, was overwhelmed with joy this morning when the youngster was found to be well and alive in Washington.

The discovery of the child was due to the publicity given the trial of her husband, Charles Lewis, Tuesday morning, on the charge of kidnapping the infant. Lewis, who is not the father of the boy, secured possession of him last February from a Mrs. Wright, with whom he had been left while his mother was at work in Washington. He claimed that he took the boy to his old home in McDermott Court and that during the night the child disappeared. Although every effort was made by the police department to shake the negro's story, he refused to change it in any way, declaring that he did not know the boy's whereabouts at present.

Some of the officers of the Police Department believed that the child had been murdered as the Lewis woman testified that her husband had attempted to kill it on a former occasion. A thorough search was made of the premises and a part of the lot surrounding the Lewis house was dug up but no trace of a crime was found.

Yesterday afternoon Police headquarters received a telephone message from Miss Butcher, of the Board of Children's Guardians of Washington, that a child answering the description of the missing youngster was in her charge. She stated that the child had been abandoned on a doorstep in Washington last February and although an effort had been made to find its parents the Washington authorities had been unsuccessful. The boy was placed in a private family in Washington and was being cared for by the authorities.

This morning, Miss Butcher, in response to a telephone message from the Gazette, stated that she would endeavor to find the mother in Washington and complete the identification. This was done and at noon she telephoned that the mother had fully identified her son and was made very happy at his discovery.

In order to secure legal possession of the boy it will be necessary for the matter to go before Judge Delacey of the Juvenile Court and this will be done at once.

As the child has been found the proceedings against Lewis will in all probability be dropped. He is now serving a 60-day sentence in jail for assault.

OLIVER HAS CLEAR FIELD.

Opponents of Prohibition Without
Opposition for Legislature.

To all appearances Walter Tansil Oliver, of Fairfax, who led the fight in the House of delegates against the prohibition enabling act during the last session of the Legislature, will be allowed to come back to that body without opposition. No one has appeared to contest the matter with him. This is the first time he has been thus accommodated, since in all his previous races he has had hard fights.

Mr. Oliver is in Richmond, where he appeared yesterday morning before the State Corporation Commission of the Telegraph Road Crossing case. He says his opponents tried hard to get somebody to race against him, but without avail. He is also a candidate for Speaker of the House. Mr. Oliver is chairman of the committee on Schools and colleges, and ranks on privileges and elections.

Steamed Hard Shell Crabs Daily at Rammel's Cafe.

FUNERAL OF JOHN S. WISE.

Remains Interred in Hollywood Beside Those of His Father.

Richmond, Va., May 15.—Funeral services for Captain John S. Wise, who died Monday in Princess Anne county, Md., were held today at noon from St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Rev. W. Russell Bowie officiating. Interment was made in Hollywood cemetery, where his father, the late Henry A. Wise, former Governor of Virginia, lies buried.

In accordance with the oft-expressed wish of Captain Wise, Company A, of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, which the former commanded, acted as special funeral escort, and fired a salute over the grave.

A detail of eight soldiers from the Blues acted as pallbearers. A detail was present in uniform from R. E. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans.

In addition to the Blues, a detail of Howitzers also accompanied the remains to the grave.

Captain Wise was buried on the 49th anniversary of the battle of Newmarket, in which he participated as a member of the Virginia Military Institute battalion.

Many prominent Virginians attended the funeral.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Two Candidates For Moderator
Causes Lively Contest.

Atlanta, Ga., May 15.—A spectacular contest for the moderatorship of the Presbyterian Assembly, U. S. A., will reach its climax this afternoon, when the forces behind Dr. Maitland Alexander, of Pittsburgh, and Dr. S. S. Palmer, of Columbus, O., meet in the first test of strength. Dr. William McKibbin, president of Lane Theological Seminary, of Cincinnati, has also been put forward, but pre-convention gossip has it that the final fight will be between Drs. Alexander and Palmer.

The Alexander-Palmer contest is really a struggle between the progressive and conservatives. The progressive support Palmer, and charge that in violation of precedent an organization has been effected in support of Dr. Alexander and that solicitations in his behalf have been made for months.

It has been made to appear, they say, that Dr. Palmer is a radical, and that he is lined up with Union Seminary. Dr. Palmer's friends claim that while he is a progressive, he is not a radical. No radical can win the moderatorship, according to commissioners who are already here. No ultra-conservative can be elected, they also agree.

The contest for moderator is in some respects, a fight between the two great Presbyterian seminaries—Princeton and Union. Princeton is the most conservative of theological institutions, and Union has adopted many of the modern tendencies and has on its staff many advanced thinkers.

Interest centers chiefly in the joint conference of the committee on union appointed by the Southern Presbyterian Assembly and the United Presbyterian Assembly.

It was said the reports would not recommend or discourage union between the two organizations, but would set forth the basis upon which union might be attained.

Civil Service Pensions.

Washington, May 15.—A bill providing for retirement pensions for civil service employees will be introduced in the House today by Congressman Hamill, of N. J. The measure provides for straight pensions without the contributing feature.

It was drawn up by Mr. Hamill after consultation with a committee representing the National Association of Civil Service Employees, which recently held a convention in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

Insurgent Woodmen.

Springfield, Ill., May 15.—Delegates representing the "insurgent" members of the Modern Woodmen of America in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, and a number of other states met here today and began a two days' national conference. The insurgents are those members who oppose the action of the head camp of the order in increasing the insurance rates. The purpose of the national conference is to perfect a plan of campaign whereby the insurgents hope to gain control of the head camp at the election next year.

JAPANESE ISSUE IS COMPLICATED

Governor Johnson's Mess-
age Defending Anti-
Alien Bill.

CABINET TO TAKE IT UP

No Statement Made at White House
Today — Johnson Biames United
States For Present Conditions.

Washington, May 15.—The Japanese situation, further complicated by the expected signing of the anti-alien land-owning bill by Governor Johnson, of California, in line with his message of intention sent to Secretary of State Bryan will consider at the regular meeting of the Cabinet tomorrow.

No statement was made at the White House today as to what course now will be taken and no announcement of plans is expected until the return Friday of Secretary Bryan, who is in New York to attend the Pan-American Society dinner.

Governor Johnson, defends the anti-alien bill passed by the California legislature in a lengthy message to Secretary Bryan, in which he announces his intention of signing the bill. He denies treaty obligations are violated in the bill, that discrimination has been shown, or that any nation has been given the right to be justified in taking offense.

Governor Johnson gives emphasis to his assertion that the bill cannot be considered as in violation of treaty rights.

The bill provides in its first section, "says the telegram to the State Department, 'that all aliens eligible to citizenship under the laws of the United States may acquire real property in the same manner as citizens of the United States, and the second section provides that all aliens other than those mentioned in the first section, may acquire real property and to the extent and for the purpose prescribed by any treaty now existing between the Government of the United States and the nation or nations or country of which such aliens are citizens or subjects, and may, in addition, lease for a period of three years lands for agricultural purposes.'"

"Thus," the message continues, "we have made existing treaties a part of our law, and thus have preserved every right that any foreign nation by international contract has insisted upon preserving with our National Government."

The governor insists that if individual discrimination were ever made in this regard, the United States made it by declaring who were and who were not eligible to citizenship. Governor Johnson also calls attention to the immigration laws, now pending in Congress, which passed both Houses, of the last Congress, where, the governor says, "certain classes who shall be excluded from our country are described as 'persons' who cannot become eligible under existing laws to become citizens of the United States. The Government itself is shown to be using the language that in the California law is held discriminatory."

Governor Johnson declares he feels it his plain duty to sign the bill.

NOTICE.

A regular convocation of Old Dominion Commandery No. 11 K. T. will be held in the Asylum Friday evening, May 16, 1913, at 8 o'clock.

Work, Red Cross.
Fatigue Uniform.

A. G. UHLER, Recorder.
W. B. DAVIS, Capt. Gen. 15 31

NOTICE.

The firm of John A. Marshall & Bro. having been dissolved by the death of John A. Marshall, notice is hereby given that the undersigned will wind up the affairs of the concern, settle all outstanding indebtedness, and all persons indebted to the firm are requested to make payment to him.

CHARLES B. MARSHALL,
Surviving Partner.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The committee on light of the City Council will meet tonight at 8 o'clock for the purpose of awarding the contracts for furnishing coal to the light department for the ensuing year. Also for letting the ensuing year for the output of tar for the same period.

Mrs. Louis F. Bohraus, of Oakland, California, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Anna M. Appleh, in King street.

Annual stockholders' meeting of the Smoot & Jolliffe, Inc., and the Citizens Savings Bank of Washington, were held yesterday at the office of Attorney Leo P. Harlow.

The Annual meeting of Mount Vernon Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will be held this afternoon.

The Corporation Commission has granted a charter to the Enterprise Land and Improvement Company, incorporated, Alexandria, Va. Capital \$2,500 to \$5,000. E. N. Jackson, president; T. M. Watson, vice president; F. H. Rich, secretary—all of Alexandria.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clements and Miss Edith Jeffries has returned to this city from Jacksonville, Fla., where they spent three weeks.

O. B. Hopkins returned to the city this morning from a weeks trip to Cumberland, Md.

Miss Jellis Scott, of Richmond, Va., was the guest of friends in this city yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Iden of Manassas, Va., are the guests of friends in this city.

Mrs. Henry King, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. Samuel Bendheim, in Prince street.

CONTRACT FOR CLUB HOUSE.

At a meeting of the Alexandria Motor Boat Club, the contract for the new boat house to be built on the Potomac, was awarded to Joseph F. Rodgers. The building will be 25 feet by 25 feet and two stories in height.

MRS. JOHNSON'S ADDRESS.

Tomorrow night, at eight o'clock, at Christ Church Parish Hall, in addition to the address by Mrs. Robert Johnson, vice-regent, of Alabama, of the Ladies Mt. Vernon Association, the quartette, that is so well and so favorably known in Alexandria, will sing several selections and Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Downham, Mr. Ogden, and Mr. Evans will thus add greatly to the pleasure of the occasion, which promises to be a most happy one.

GRAND LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS

Election of Officers—Will Meet in
Kentucky Next Year.

Roanoke, Va., May 15.—The officers elected yesterday morning at the State meeting of Odd Fellows, in session here, resulted as follows:

Contest for grand warden — Dr. Hamilton, Abingdon; C. W. Whitman, Lynchburg; O. V. Hanger, Amherst, candidates, resulting in the last one winning.

Grand secretary contest to succeed T. Wiley Davis, who died a few months ago—C. W. Morris, Richmond; E. J. Turner, Ferguson's Wharf, and W. A. Dyer, Tazewell, candidates. E. P. Turner was elected.

The new officers elected are: Grand Master, W. E. Allen, Covington; deputy grand master, Park P. Deans, Winsor; grand warden, O. V. Hanger, Amherst; grand secretary, O. P. Turner, Ferguson's Wharf; grand treasurer, Mell P. Ferguson; grand chaplain, the Rev. J. J. Scherer.

Rebekah Lodge officers elected are: President, Mrs. Cora Benedict, Big Stone Gap; vice-president, Mrs. Ada Bell Adams, Lambert's Point; warden, Mrs. Minnie Grey, Blacksburg; secretary, Mrs. Ola L. Bunch, Lynchburg.

The Rebekah Lodge has petitioned for another representative on the board of the Orphans' Home, Lynchburg.

The next convention will be held in Lynchburg, the second week in May.

Hardshell and deviled crabs daily at Rammel's Cafe.

MOTHER JONES IS IN WASHINGTON

Makes Terrible Allegations
Against West Virginia
Authorities.

ON FRENCH LEAVE.

Description of Treatment Men, Wo-
men and Children Are Said to Re-
ceive Under Martial Law.

Washington, May 15.—More awful than the story of Siberia and its prisons, more tragic than the tale of the Black Hole of Calcutta, is the story which Mother Jones, guardian angel of the West Virginia miners, and W. R. Fairley, agent of the United Mine Workers, told in that city today.

Their observations in the zone of martial law, of terrorization, and of desperate poverty, include tales of women beaten, killed, an eleven shot by mine guards, of men and boys shanghaied, of miners driven from their homes because they sought to earn a decent living wage, of men and women thrown into prison on any pretext.

Mother Jones, herself a prisoner in a military camp—she calls it a bull pen—is in Washington to aid in the investigation started by Senator Kern, of Indiana. She is out on "French leave;" her fate is still undecided.

A woman of eighty-one years, with white hair, but not a sign of a wrinkle to tell her age, Mother Jones is still a fighter.

Her story has been given to Senator Kern.

W. R. Fairley, Mother Jones' friend, as a worker, and through years of toil in the mines, later as an agent of the old Department of Commerce and Labor in an investigation of mine conditions, has seen events that he classifies as "appalling" and "far worse than Siberia." He, too, has been assisting in the inquiry of Senator Kern.

BALTIMORE & RICHMOND LINE.

Two New Chesapeake Liners Will be
Put on Route.

Baltimore, May 15.—A daily service will soon be in operation between this city and Richmond over the Chesapeake Steamship Company's lines. This will follow the completion of two steamers now on the ways at Sparrows Point. They will be launched at noon Saturday, May 31, and will be named City of Annapolis and City of Richmond.

The City of Annapolis will be christened by Miss Ursula Harrison, daughter of Fairfax Harrison, formerly chairman of the board of directors of the Chesapeake Steamship Company and vice-president of the Southern Railway Company, but now president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway. Mrs. Harrison was formerly a Miss Cary, of Baltimore. The city of Richmond will be christened by Miss Anne Carter Lee, granddaughter of the late General Robert E. Lee. These two young ladies are now at the Misses Carter's School, at Catonsville.

These new steamers are 277 feet long, with a beam of 54 feet, and are similar to the City of Baltimore and City of Norfolk, now in operation between Baltimore, Old Point Comfort and Norfolk. They are especially designed for the segregation of the races.

Nephew of Judge Speer Shot.

H. P. McNeill, a nephew of United States Judge Emory Speer, of Georgia, was shot and probably fatally wounded in a scuffle with his wife, yesterday, at Pablo Beach, Fla. Mrs. McNeill and Plush Lee, McNeill's negro chauffeur, both were placed under arrest pending an investigation. The McNeill's left Jacksonville yesterday for Pablo Beach in their automobile. According to statements attributed to the chauffeur and to Mrs. McNeill, she was attacked by her husband. She grasped McNeill, who, according to the statements, had drawn a revolver and was attempting to shoot her. In the scuffle the pistol was discharged, the bullet entering McNeill's head just behind the ear.